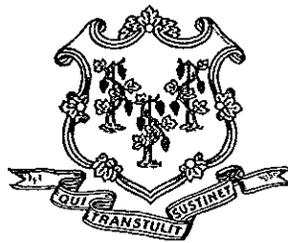


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**Testimony to the Transportation Committee**

**Senate Bill 290 An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for a Parking Structure in the Town of Milford**

**March 5, 2012**

Good Morning Chairman Maynard, Chairman Guerrero, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today in support of Senate Bill 290 An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for a Parking Structure in the Town of Milford.

This legislation seeks to authorize \$20 million in bonding for construction of a parking structure to accommodate the ever-growing parking demand in the City. One of Milford's most beloved features is its walk-able downtown which hosts a rich assortment of independently owned retail, dining, and service outlets alongside the beautiful Milford green. City Hall, Milford Superior Court, and the MetroNorth train station are all located within walking distance of these shops and one another.

Milford's centralized city plan makes our downtown a virtual hub of activity in which residents and visitors participate. Unfortunately, a significant lack of parking to accommodate this activity poses a threat to the continued growth and development of the City's downtown. A modern parking structure will provide Milford businesses the opportunity to continue to grow and expand their consumer base and ease access to necessary government and transportation functions of the City.

This project is already backed by public support as evidenced by a \$750,000 commitment by the City. I ask that the Transportation Committee consider authorizing state support to help move Milford in the right direction for the good of all area residents who wish to enjoy access to our City's many amenities.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gayle A. Slossberg".